



MINUTES
DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 4, 2013 6:30 p.m.

**Conference Room
Basement Level, Town Hall**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Chairman Bruce Bockstael, Steve Hine, Andrea Boyle, Joe Hickey and Richard Sitnik.
3. Public Comments
4. **PROJECT REVIEWS**

4.1 APPLICATION DR 216-2013 Eye Care Center of Wethersfield

Seeking Sign Review at 67 Wells Road. – There was no one present representing the applicant. A brief discussion ensued and members asked for additional information including whether there is a 3-D representation of the proposal that can be reviewed, how the sign would be affixed to the building and if the panels are changeable.

4.2 APPLICATION NO. DR 218-2013 Pet Supplies Plus/ArtFX Signs

Seeking Sign Review at 1152/53 Silas Deane Highway.---Anita Gold of ArtFX Signs presented the application to the Committee. A brief discussion ensued and Bruce Bockstael made a motion to approve the application with the condition that any damage to the building caused by the removal of the existing sign shall be repaired. Joe Hickey seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

4.3 APPLICATION NO. DR 219-2013 St. Mary's Knanaya Church/PDS

Engineering & Construction Inc. Seeking New Construction Review on Russell Road.---Chris Eseppe of PDS Engineering and Construction Inc. presented the application to the Committee. A discussion ensued regarding exterior site improvements, landscaping details, the floor plan and exterior elevations. Joe Hickey made a motion to approve the application subject to the following: 1. Proposed signage shall be reviewed and approved by the DRAC and 2. Proposed site lighting shall be in accordance with Section 6.7 (Outdoor Lighting) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations. Andrea Boyle seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

4.4 APPLICATION NO. DR 220-2013 Wethersfield Diner/Caesar

Rossitto Seeking Façade Review at 708 Silas Deane Highway.---Caesar Rossitto presented the application to the Committee. Denise Bradley noted that the applicant is seeking funding through the Economic Development & Improvement Commission's Façade Loan Program. A discussion ensued regarding handicap accessibility and parking, screening of rooftop mechanicals, existing

parking lot conditions, landscaping plans, blending the front façade with the cinder block sides, signage details, lighting details and overhead vs. underground power lines. Bruce Bockstael made a motion to forward a positive referral to the Economic Development and Improvement Commission with the condition that the final site, elevation and sign plans be reviewed and approved by the DRAC. Joe Hickey seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

5. Other Business

5.1 APPLICATION NO. DR 221-2013 Sunny Park Seeking Sign Review at 740A Silas Deane Highway (\$3.99 Dry Cleaners).---There was no one present representing the applicant. A brief discussion ensued regarding the installation of the sign prior to DRAC review or obtaining a building permit. Joe Hickey made a motion to approve the sign with the condition that window signage be limited to 25% of the window area. Bruce Bockstael seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

5.2 APPLICATION NO. DR 222-2013 Jong Ri An Seeking Sign Review at 740B Silas Deane Highway (OMG Sushi).---There was no one present representing the applicant. Denise Bradley noted that the proposed sign complies with the dimensional and area requirements of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations. Bruce Bockstael made a motion to approve the application with the condition that any damage to the building caused by the removal of the existing sign shall be repaired. Joe Hickey seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

6. Upcoming Business

7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bradley, Assistant Planner